

# DISC NEWSLETTER

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### Happy President's Day!



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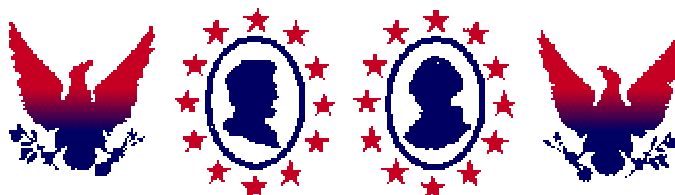
The Small Agency Support Section within DISC's Bureau of Customer Services was created in the fall of 1998 to address year-2000 issues with hardware and software used by many of the state's small agencies and licensing boards. We specialize in using Microsoft server and workstation products and provide complete support for a number of small agency networks ranging in size from 3 to 50 users. In addition, we support Microsoft Access, Sybase SQL, and Microsoft SQL licensing databases, and Microsoft Office products used by the agencies to license professional practices and practi-

tioners in the State of Kansas.

We work closely with agency management to recommend hardware, software, LAN, WAN and telecommunications solutions that will assist agencies in their day-to-day business. By providing cost estimates up front, and computer configurations and vendor information at the time of purchase, we assist agencies in acquiring new hardware and software. Once we've recommended a solution, we provide installation, training and ongoing support. One minute we could be working on a disaster recovery plan for an agency and the next

minute we could be responding to a hardware or software problem in one of the Capitol area buildings.

In addition to providing network support, we are the small agency's primary contacts with DISC. We help coordinate telecommunications work and assist agencies in getting information about almost any service that DISC provides. We strive to be an effective link to information technology and to the services that DISC provides.



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## DISC Employee Club

The DISC Employee Club has just completed their annual membership drive, but new members are welcome anytime. Thank-You, members of the club for showing your support for fellow DISC employees. Members of the club for 2002 are:

Tony Appelhanz  
Jimie Arnold  
Carey Brown  
Lisa Brown  
Laura Browne  
Janelle Burgardt  
Larry Burton  
Larry Caldwell  
Lisa Cameron  
Judy Chapman  
Clara Child  
Emily Copeland  
Jay Coverdale  
Kathy Cummings  
Michele DeMoss  
Latonya Drakes  
Kurt Dubach  
Elna Ensley  
Richard Escobar  
Joyce Estes  
Alicia Etzel  
Dana Flohrschutz  
Todd Fritz  
Virginia Fuemmeler

Mary Grace  
Virginia Grider  
Cad Griffin  
Tim Griffin  
John Harper  
Don Heiman  
Joe Hennes  
Marsha Herman  
Duane Huizenga  
Rita Jackson  
Cory Jager  
Janel Johnson  
Sara Johnson  
John Jones  
Clayton Kinnett  
Frank Kosiba  
Andreas Kuhn  
Sandy Lawrence  
Jeanne Layport  
Cathy Long  
Rick Miller  
Shelly Myers  
Rod Odom  
Pat Orr

Dornella Ortega  
Jim Parker  
Kelly Penn  
Mark Peralta  
Shirley Perry  
Cheryl Price  
Doug Quinn  
Bruce Roberts  
Vickie Rogers  
Jennifer Sauer  
Andy Scharf  
Alan Sharp  
Judy Shepherd  
Greg Smith  
David Spearman  
Jesse Springer  
Morey Sullivan  
Dan Swearingen  
Nancy Walden  
Doug Walsh  
Ivan Weichert  
Chris Wempe  
Mary Winans  
Larry Workman  
Janice Yokum

## Employee Trivia Answer

The female marine in our midst is Dornella Ortega. We know her as quiet, petite, and reserved. But at one time she was a rough and tumble United States Marine, ready to fight for her country at a moments notice.

Are there any other women in DISC who served

in the military? Let us know and we will honor them by publishing their names and services.

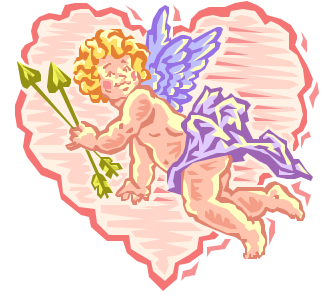
For the February Question; we have an employee in DISC who comes from a family of 22 children! Do you know who that is?

# *Marines*





# EMPLOYEE INFO



## February Birthdays

Elna Ensley

Jeff Muller

Beth Zlotky

Ryan Rinehart

Chuck Engel

Daniel Holmes

Brian Frahm

Michael Hunt

Jesse Springer

Ginger Grider

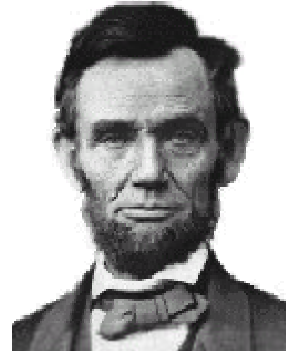
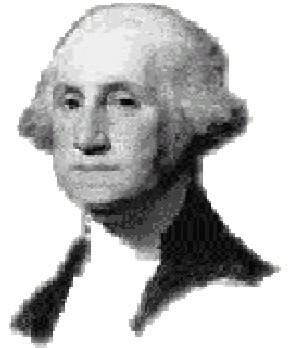
Bob Michaelis

Larry Kettlewell

Mark Peralta

Jim Logan

Clydette Johnson



## New Employees Welcome

Josh  
White  
BDAS  
Started  
2/4/02



Larry  
Buckles  
BOT  
Started  
2/4/02



## Deaths

Connie Stroud's Son Passed Away

Words Cannot Express Our  
Sorrow For Your Loss Connie



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## Origin Of St. Valentine's Day

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they

were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the

Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.





# Don Heiman's Retirement



**Don and his wife dancing to the music by the great band at the party.**



**Don had a long line of people waiting to wish him well.**



**Senator Clark talking about Don's accomplishments at the Senate Resolution for Don's retirement.**



**Don being honored by a House Certificate of Appreciation in honor of his retirement.**